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Amendments to the Drawings:

None.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application and are subject to a restriction/election requirement. Claims 16-17 have been withdrawn without prejudice in response to the Examiner's restriction/election requirement. New claim 20 has been added.

In the Office action mailed October 3, 2005, the Examiner made an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed species of dye and a single coolant composition. In response, Applicant elects with traverse a coolant composition to be blended in coolant for cooling a fuel cell stack, comprising ethylene glycol, deionized water and Solvent Blue 63 as defined by SDC. Claims 1-15 and 18-20 read upon the elected species. Claims 18 and 20 are directed to the elected species, and claims 1-15 and 19 are generic to the elected species. Claims 16-17 have been withdrawn without prejudice.

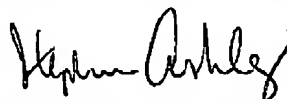
Applicant respectfully traverses the election/restriction requirement. Every requirement to restrict must include (A) the reasons (as distinguished from the mere statement of conclusion) why each invention as claimed is either independent or distinct from the other(s); and (B) the reasons why there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required. M.P.E.P. §808. The Examiner has not provided any reasons to support his conclusion that Applicant has claimed patentably distinct inventions. Nor has he stated why there would be a serious burden if restriction is not required. As such, the election/restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

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Before making a restriction requirement after the first action on the merits, the examiner must consider whether there will be a serious burden if restriction is not required. M.P.E.P. §811. The Examiner has not explained why there would be a serious burden without the restriction, and the fact that a search and first action on the merits have already been completed shows that there would not be a serious burden to the Examiner.

For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully traverses the election/restriction requirement and requests that it be withdrawn. Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

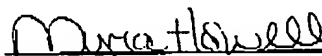


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